

## **II. REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to recite additional priority claims that Applicants have determined share common subject matter with the subject matter of the current application. Applicants have submitted herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) to add to the additional priority claims. All of the applications listed in the current claim for priority were present in the priority claims in the application as filed, and each application was incorporated by reference therein. *See, e.g., Specification as filed* at pages 1 through 3.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, no new matter is added by way of this amendment.

The specification has also been amended to reference an updated table and sequence listing, submitted herewith, each of which have been amended to explicitly contain information that was incorporated by reference from the priority applications in the application as filed. No new matter enters by way of these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115.

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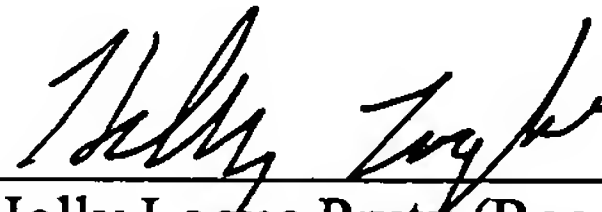
<sup>1</sup> Applicants note that there was a typographical error in the application as filed. The original priority claim in the application included a claim under 35 U.S.C. §120 as a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/565,386, filed May 4, 2000, rather than to the correct Application Serial No. 09/565,306.

### III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request notice of such. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 202-942-5000 if any additional information is necessary for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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